

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph bridging Pages 10 and 11, with the following:

Figure 3 shows the connector 1 of Figure 1 connected to a connection plate 17 of a drainage bag 19. The connector is held against the skin surface by a belt or abdominal strap 20. The outlet flange 13 of the connector 1 is adhered to the attachment plate 17 of the drainage bag 19 by any suitable means, for example, a suitable hypoallergenic adhesive. The drainage bag 19 is also provided with a filter 21 containing a semi-permeable membrane which allows gas to pass through, but is impermeable to moisture, thereby preventing leakage of any waste fluids entering the drainage bag from the fistula of the patient through the elongate flexible tubular member 3 of the connector 1.